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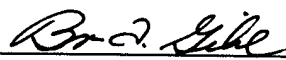
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Application Serial No: 09/627,796
Date Filed: July 28, 2000
Application Title: Non-Nucleic Acid Probes, Probe Sets, Methods And Kits
Pertaining To The Detection Of Individual Human
Chromosomes X, Y, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18
And 20 As Well As 13/21 As A Pair
Applicants: Krishan L. Taneja
Group Art Unit: 1655
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2001 as provided for by 37 CFR § 1.136(a). The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 890.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

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